

BLACK SCIENCE

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THE STORY SO FAR...

When Grant McKay, head of the Anarchist League of Scientists, completed the Pillar Project, a device capable of punching through the barriers of reality and travel to alternate dimensions, he hoped this accomplishment would make up for a lifetime of regret and mistakes. He was wrong...

On its maiden voyage, the Pillar malfunctioned, jumping at random intervals, sending Grant, his team, and his two children Pia and Nate, spiraling through the Eververse, stranded in a chaotic maelstrom of infinitely potential alternate worlds.

Through countless adventures and unfathomable dangers, Grant tried to keep his children safe and the team together, but it was all for naught. In one final cataclysmic jump, he lost everything. His kids vanished in a flash of light as the Pillar burst into pieces, stranding him on a strange world, alone.

After embarking on a journey of self-discovery, deep into the heart of the Godworld, Grant overcame a lifetime of guilt and anguish, and emerged a man bent on righting the wrongs he had set in motion.

At the helm of a powerful new Pillar Ship, Grant began retracing his steps through the Eververse, tracking down the homing beacons of his teammates' suits, hoping to find them alive, and finally, bring his family home.

His first stop sent him crash-landing in a world populated by three alien races, in the midst of signing a peace treaty that would bring peace to a thousand-year war. This momentous event was brokered by none other than Grant's daughter Pia!

The reunion with his daughter is short, as Grant must now prevent the enraged races from going to war again, and more importantly, regain his daughter's love...

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YOU DON'T BECOME A FATHER THE
DAY YOUR FIRST CHILD IS BORN.

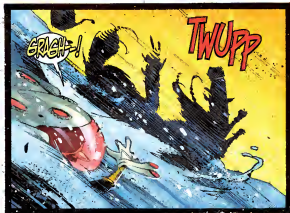
YOU EARN IT SLOWLY.

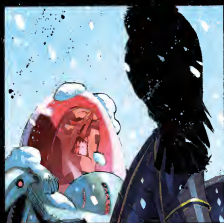
LESSON BY LESSON, YEAR
BY YEAR, YOU GROW.

HURUFF













...HE'S ON HIS OWN."

I'M
NOT YOUR
FAVORITE
PERSON
IN THE
WORLD.

I GET
IT.

BUT, I MEAN,
TO BE FAIR, YOU
WERE KIND OF
A PUSSY
WITH THE OWL
THING.

I DON'T MEAN PUSSY AS A
COMMENT ON THE FORTITUDE
OR STRENGTH OF
FEMININITY—I MEAN LIKE
A SMALL CAT.

SOFT, CUDDLY,
AND NOT VERY
BRAVE.

SO IN THAT CONTEXT,
WE CAN PROBABLY
SAY IT'S A FAIR
CALL.

HERUMPF

C'MON, THAT'S
A BIT FUNNY. YOU
KNOW SARCASM IS
THE BEST WAY TO
DEAL WITH HORRIBLE—

REHEHE!

WHOA!

OKAY, IT'S
OKAY.

PROMISED TO
GET YOU HOME
AND I WILL..

NO ONE
ELSE DIES
ON MY WATCH.

NOT EVEN
HORSES
TERRIFIED
OF OWLS.

LOOK
THERE—
THAT'S
CHIMNEY
SMOKE!

AND
WHERE
THERE'S
CHIMNEY
SMOKE...

"...THERE'S A WARM CABIN."

HOPEFULLY
SOMEONE INSIDE
KNOWS HOW TO
HELP AN EASILY
FRIGHTENED
HORSE.

HURRY

MEEP
DALODOO!



COUPLE OF
GENIUSES,
HUH?

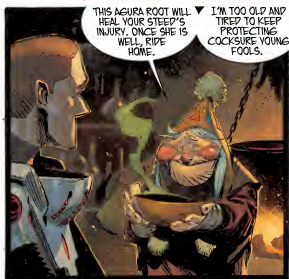
ACTUALLY...



I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY BUT IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP YOU—

YOU CAN HELP ME BY HELPING YOURSELF.

EVERY FOOL WHO FALLS INTO THE WITHERING WOOD ENDS UP IN SOME DAMNABLE SITUATION THAT I END UP HAVING TO RECTIFY.



THIS AGURA ROOT WILL HEAL YOUR STEED'S INJURY. ONCE SHE IS WELL, RIPE HOME.

I'M TOO OLD AND TIRED TO KEEP PROTECTING COCKSURE YOUNG FOOLS.



THAT'S SOME SUPER SOUND ADVICE, BUT I CAN'T GO UNTIL I'VE REPAIRED THE MESS I'VE MADE OF MY DAUGHTER'S LIFE.

SEEMS ALL I DO IS FAIL HER.



YOUR FEAR IS THE CURSE OF ALL PARENTS, NO MATTER THEIR ADORATION OR COMPETENCE.

ONLY AN EGOTIST WOULD CONSIDER HIMSELF A WONDERFUL FATHER.

I CANNOT SAY AS TO WHETHER YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED OR FAILED...

...BUT IN YOUR VOICE I HEAR THE TRUE AFFECTION YOU HAVE FOR YOUR DAUGHTER.

YOU'VE DONE AT LEAST THAT MUCH RIGHT.

FOR THE NOURISHMENT OF LOVE, ABOVE ALL ELSE, IS WHAT EVERY CHILD NEEDS.



NONE OF IT MEANS ANYTHING IF YOU'RE NOT THERE FOR THEM.



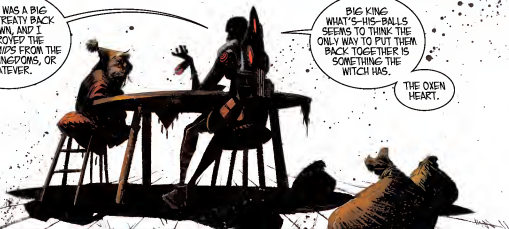
WELL, IF YOU ENTER THE WITHERING TOWER OF THE WITCH DOXTA YOU WILL NEVER BE THERE FOR ANYONE AGAIN.

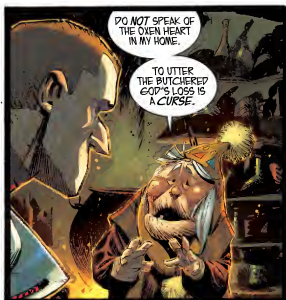
THERE IS NO PLACE MORE WICKED.

THERE WAS A BIG PEACE TREATY BACK IN TOWN, AND I DESTROYED THE FOREVERKIDS FROM THE THREE KINGDOMS, OR WHATEVER.

BIG KING WHAT'S-HIS-BALLS SEEMS TO THINK THE ONLY WAY TO PUT THEM BACK TOGETHER IS SOMETHING THE WITCH HAS.

THE OXEN HEART.







WHEREVER
MY FATHER GOES
SOMETHING IS
AMISS, MA'AM.

I APOLOGIZE,
AND I HOPE
YOU'LL FORGIVE
HIM.



FORGIVE
HIM FOR
WHAT,
DEAR?



WHATEVER
BULLSHIT
THING IS GOING
TO HAPPEN BECAUSE
OF HIM.

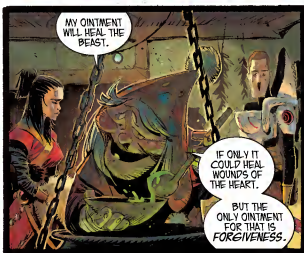


HHHHH.

YES.

WELL, I
MUST ADD
HEALING
OINTMENT TO
HIS HORSE'S
WOUNDS.

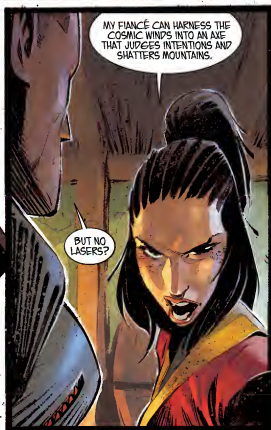
YOU
HURT KOR'S
HORSE?

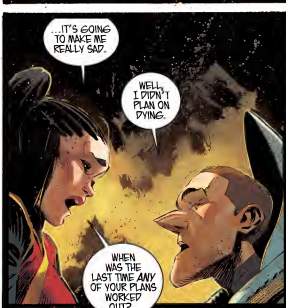
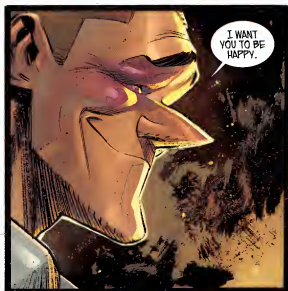
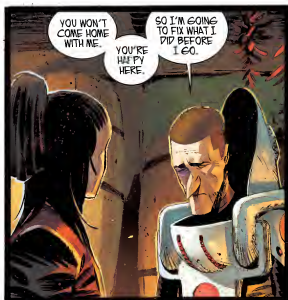


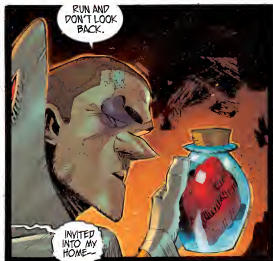
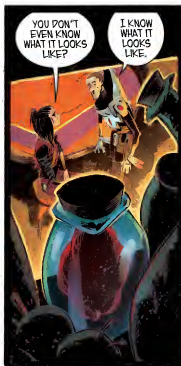
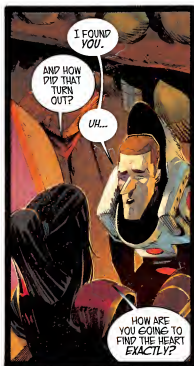
MY OINTMENT
WILL HEAL THE
BEAST.

IF ONLY IT
COULD HEAL
WOUNDS OF
THE HEART.

BUT THE
ONLY OINTMENT
FOR THAT IS
FORGIVENESS.









GIVEN
FOOD
WARMTH
AND
HOPE.

BUT THE
LIVING SELDOM
HAVE RESPECT
FOR CHARITY!

SO INSTEAD
I WILL GIVE
YOU WHAT
YOU TRULY
CRAVE...





ALWAYS
THE SAME
WITH THE
INTRUDERS.

YOU COME
SEEKING
HORROR.

DETERMINED
TO FIND IT.



YET DOXTA
SHOWS ONLY
KINDNESS,
COURTESY.

DOXTA
BEARS YOU
TO DO
RIGHT.

BEARS YOU
TO RETURN
COURTESY.



BUT YOUR
KIND NEVER
RECIPROCATES.
YOU STEAL FROM
A KINDLY OLD
WOMAN WHO
TOOK YOU
IN!

PLEASE
STOP—STOP
HURTING
HER!



THE ROOTS
HAVE HER
NOW.

YOU SAY YOU DO
THIS TO EARN
YOUR DAUGHTER'S
LOVE.

YOU'VE
FAILED
HER FOR
YEARS.

YOU'RE
GOING
TO DO
RIGHT...



...EVEN IF
IT KILLS
YOU.

ANYTHING
YOU WANT!

JUST
LET HER
GO!





WOULD GIVE
ME EVERYTHING
THAT MAKES YOU
EXTRAORDINARY
TO SAVE HER?

WOULD
YOU BECOME
AVERAGE
IN EVERY
WAY?

I WANT THE
ONE THING
THAT MAKES
YOU UNIQUE.



I WANT
YOUR
INTELLECT.

I WANT
THE KEY TO
UNLOCK
**BLACK
SCIENCE.**

FROM PILLAR TO POST



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SG - And that's why you never steal from a kindly, old lady who lives deep in the woods: you never know if she might turn out to be an all-powerful witch, straight from the Stygian Abyss! That's **BLACK SCIENCE** for you, delivering useful PSAs alongside mind-bending Sci-Fi adventure!

This month we're gonna give all the space we can muster for a really cool piece of fanart from a fellow reader!

Check it out!

Hey there,

I'm an aspiring comic artist/writer. Here's an illustration I'd like to submit to the fan art section in the back of your books. I'm a fan of your Image work. Great stuff!

Thank you!
Aaron Edzerza

A million thanks back, Aaron! This is badass! Heath Huston and Grant McKay back to back, that's some

high-octane pulp comic goodness. Keep at it, and one day we'll be writing in to **YOUR** Letters Column!

Give your boy Aaron a hand, everyone! And keep sending in those letters, tweets and fanart. We love hearing from you!

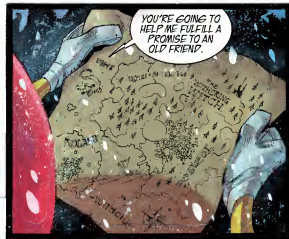
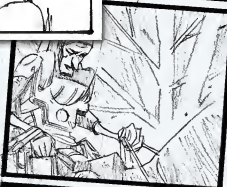
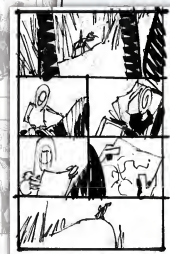
We'll be back in 30 with more **BLACK SCIENCE**!

- **SG**

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YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME FULFILL A PROMISE TO AN OLD FRIEND.



I'M GOING TO LEAVE EVERY DIMENSION BETTER THAN HOW I FOUND IT.

MURPHY

THOUGH AT THIS POINT I'D SETTLE FOR JUST LEAVING IT AS GOOD AS I FOUND IT.



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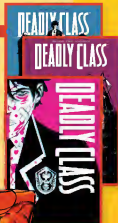


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